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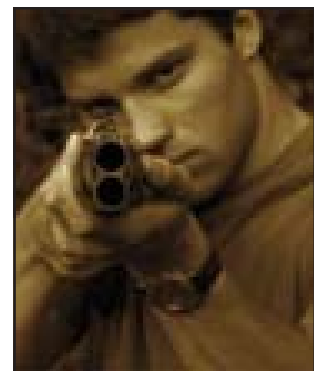
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Farewell message to Soldiers from Sec Army

To the Men and Women of the United States Army, It has been a great honor and privilege for me to serve as the Under Secretary of the Army for the past three years and concurrently, for the past eighteen months, as the Acting Secretary of the Army.

Our Nation's greatness was achieved by the generations of Americans who have served their country with honor. From your grandparents who fought and won the Second World War and assured freedom for South Korea, to your parents who served our Nation in Vietnam and in the Cold War, in Panama and Desert Storm, to the conflicts of today, the courage and sacrifices demonstrated by American Soldiers remain the foundation of our United States Army.

Soldiering is an affair of the heart, and it is that spirit, that fundamental commitment to volunteer, to place the Nation's needs above one's own, that makes our Soldiers the best in the world today. Your professionalism, dedication, and valor are the hallmarks of the values our Army has upheld for over 229 years of service to our Nation.

I am immensely proud of what our Army has accomplished over the past three years. Our Army has carried the heaviest burden in fighting this Global War on Terror. Soldiers have set two nations - Iraq and Afghanistan - on the path to democracy and economic recovery. Less than twelve months since we first rotated our combat formations in Iraq, the Army, for the second time, is executing the most massive movement of troops and equipment seen since WWII. And, even as we continue to take the fight to our Nation's enemies and improve the quality of life for our Soldiers' families, our Army continues transforming its training, organization, and equipment.

Our Army is far more than people and equipment - it is made of men and women with hopes and dreams, a passionate commitment to the ideals of freedom, and the willingness to fight for those ideals. But freedom is not free! And in today's War on Terror, some of our Soldiers have lost their lives, and many have been wounded. I have had the honor of visiting many of these wounded Soldiers, and I am always moved by their unanimous

expressions of dedication, their commitment to service, and their desire to return to their units and comrades-in-arms. I'm equally touched by the tremendous commitment displayed by their families, and the support that they provide. When we talk of service and sacrifice, we must never forget the wives, husbands, sons, daughters, mothers, fathers, and other loved ones who stand behind our Soldiers. Their unconditional love and their steadfast loyalty to our Soldiers are invaluable in every aspect of what our Army does. The devotion and support of our Army families represent all that we fight for and all that we hold dear.

It has been my honor to represent the wonderful men and women who volunteer to be a part of the Army - and their families as well. The Nation will be eternally indebted to you for your service and sacrifice.

God bless each of you, God bless the United States Army, and God bless this wonderful Nation we all love and so proudly serve.

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Holiday greetings, thanks from 111th commander

COL. TOMMY KELLEY
COMMANDER, 111TH MILITARY
INTELLIGENCE BRIGADE

I wanted to take this opportunity to wish all the members of the 111th Military Intelligence Brigade and all those who provide such great support in out training

mission a very warm and happy holiday season. It has been a great six months since taking command of this outstanding unit and I'm proud to be serving with each and every one of you. The operational tempo and high demand for quality trained military intelligence professionals has never been greater

and to all of the men and women doing their part to make the military intelligence corps the success it is, I say thank you from the bottom of my heart.

During this solemn and joyous time, I want all of you to take time to rest and enjoy your families and loved ones. I sincerely hope that

this time is one for happiness and reflection and one that brings joy to all you do. It should also be time for remembering all those who cannot be home for the holidays and are serving out great nation in harm's way. It is our military members, civilians and contractors who preserve our way of

life and work daily to bring this same goodness to others who have been oppressed.

My warmest thanks to all for everything you do day in and day out. I pray that yours will be a season full of kindness and warmth and best wishes for a safe and prosperous 2005.

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To see my family when I get home.

I am buying a truck when I get home.

I don't know what I want for Christmas.

Time with my wife and family.

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B Troop changes hands

BY SPC. CREIGHTON HOLUB
SCOUT STAFF

The B Troop, 4th Cavalry Regiment (Memorial) commander for the last 13 months changed over command to a fellow B Trooper Friday afternoon at Brown Parade Field.

Retired Chief Warrant Officer Jay Hizer, Joint Interoperability Test Command, succeeded Pete Criscuolo, Network Enterprise Technology Command.

Criscuolo has been a B Trooper since June 1998. He has held ranks of corporal, quartermaster sergeant, first sergeant and executive officer for B Troop.

"I think I was the first pure civilian commander," Criscuolo said. "Now I'm the platoon sergeant. My primary responsibility is the training program."

"I've learned a lot about myself doing stuff with B Troop. I've gotten a much better understanding of the military."

This will be Hizer's first tour in B Troop as the commander. He first saw B Troop as a Soldier in the 11th Signal Brigade while at Fort Huachuca from 1994-1996.

"There are only a couple of Army posts that have a horse cavalry unit," Hizer said. "To command a troop like this, even though it is an honorary function, because it's all volunteers it's pretty rare."



Photos by Elizabeth Davie

New B Troop Commander retired Chief Warrant Officer Jay Hizer and his horse greet people after the ceremony Friday.



B Troop formed in mid-1973 to keep alive the heritage of Fort Huachuca's cavalry beginnings, the troop originally was only a post ceremonial unit. Today, the members regularly attend civilian events and appear off post more often than on.

Under its official name, B Troop, 4th Regiment, U.S. Cavalry (Memorial), the group honors a unit that served at Fort Huachuca during the 1880s. Its role is the largest of all memorial cavalry units to be found both in Arizona and the U.S. Army.

For more information about B Troop, call Chris Zimmerman at 538-2576.

New program arrives

Educational classes help post youth

SCOUT REPORTS

There's a new program to keep Fort Huachuca kids out of trouble after school. The Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills Unlimited offers education based classes to supplement to Fort Huachuca Accommodation Schools curriculum, said Robin Gabert, head of the SKIESUnlimited program.

The Army mandated SKIESUnlimited program offers instructional courses to children of all ages in areas such as sports, photography, computers, cooking and other interesting topics, Gabert said. The program was piloted in Germany, Hawaii and Korea, Gabert said, and the second wave of the program is set to wash over Fort Huachuca in March.

Classes will be offered after school and weekends and Gabert said the program is planning to offer classes during school hours for infants, toddlers and parents.

Eighty percent of kids get in trouble after school, Gabert said, and the SKIESUnlimited program aims to curb this. "SKIESUnlimited offers an escape," Gabert said. "It's a chance to learn and socialize in a protected environment."

Children must be registered though Child and Youth Services to participate in the SKIESUnlimited classes and the cost of the class is dependant on the subject. Gabert said the prices will be competitive with downtown offerings and more accessible for military families.

In order for any class to be effective there needs to be someone to teach it and people who want to attend it. SKIESUnlimited is currently looking for qualified instructors for various subjects. In order for Gabert and the SKIESUnlimited team to offer popular classes, they need community input. Surveys are available at post schools and will be featured in the Scout in coming weeks. Gabert

stressed the importance of returning the survey and making sure that your children's interests get counted.

For more information on SKIESUnlimited, call Gabert at Murr Recreational Center at 533-0710.



Photo by Elizabeth Davie



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Holiday spirit

The Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Training Center donated 48 bikes and other various gifts to the Giving Tree Tuesday. The bikes were purchased by Department of Defence civilians, Soldiers, and Anteion employees. The gifts will be given to Soldiers and families in need.

Post leader competing for MacArthur Award

BY SPC. JOY PARIANTE
SCOUT STAFF

Capt. John M. Guerrero, commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison has been selected to represent the Installation Management Agency, Southwest Region, at the General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award competition. The award was established through the General Douglas MacArthur Foundation in coordination with the Department of the Army to recognize company grade officers, both commissioned and warrant officers, who demonstrate the ideals for which MacArthur stood: duty, honor, country and to promote and sustain competent junior officer leadership in the Army, according to Army Regulation 600-89.

The competition is open to all active duty, National Guard and Reserve commissioned officers second lieutenant through captain and warrant officer through chief warrant officer two. Candidates are selected through a selection board at their major command level. Guerrero has held leadership positions throughout most of his career including being an in-

fantry squad leader, drill sergeant, Ranger squad leader serving with Task Force Ranger in Mogadishu, Somalia, Long Range Surveillance platoon leader, and Battalion S-2 where he participated in the airborne assault into Northern Iraq with the 173rd Airborne Brigade. "The Army has provided me a life's adventure, to include serving in very interesting places throughout the world in the past 19 years," Guerrero said.

In order to be recommended for consideration, officers have to meet some unique award criteria. The following factors are considered:

- Leadership performance that exemplifies the ideals of duty, honor and country.
- Ability to influence others to accomplish the mission by providing purpose, direction and motivation.
- Understanding of human nature and ability to gain consensus among diverse groups.
- Demonstration of technical and tactical competence.
- Commitment to the Army values.
- Development of cohesive teams that anticipate requirements and exercise initiative within the

commander's intent.

• Intangible aspects of leadership, to include people skills, leadership climate and interpersonal communications.

"This award is very unique, from what I have read about the selection criteria," Guerrero said. "It is based off the intangibles regarding leadership."

"I believe leadership is all about instilling a sense of confidence in the people you lead, and trying to inspire them to accomplish things they may not always want to do, or think they have the capability to accomplish. I think the bottom line to leadership is to lead by example, in all aspects of your life, not just the Army. As a husband and father of three sons, I am expected to set the example at home as well. My family keeps me straight."

Board results will be announced no later than March 1 and the winners will be honored at an award ceremony and reception at the Pentagon in May. Winners will receive a memorandum of commendation from the Chief of Staff of the Army, a gold watch from the Association of the U.S. Army and an engraved bronze bust of MacArthur from the MacArthur Foundation.



Courtesy photo

Got issues?

Its that time of year again. The army Family Action Plan issue boxes are about to be distributed around post to collect the suggestion for post improvement from the community.

Post water use increases

BY TANJA LINTON
MEDIA RELATIONS OFFICER

The water pumpage for November is 35,037,000 gallons or 107 acre-feet and is equivalent to 1.2 million gallons per day. The November pumpage is 5.6 percent more than that pumped in November 2003 (101 acre-feet); however it is 36.7 percent less than the 22-year (1982-2003) November average (169 acre-feet).

Due to a clerical error in the February pumping figure, the year- to-date figure has increased by four acre-feet. Thus, the total water pumped year-to-date (January-November: 1,385 acre-feet) is 4.2

percent less than that pumped in 2003 (1,445 acre-feet).

No water was pumped in November at the U.S. Forest Service Air Tanker Station on Libby Army Airfield. Year-to-date water use is 103,168 gallons or 0.32 acre-feet.

Treated effluent reuse for November was 24 acre-feet. This is water that did not have to be pumped from the groundwater aquifer (a water and energy savings) to irrigate the golf course, Chaffee Parade Field and Prosser Village.

The total effluent delivered to the East Range Recharge Facility, year-to-date: 395 acre-feet (36 acre-feet delivered in November).

Soldiers Radio now recording holiday greetings for troops

ARMYNEWSERVICE

Holiday radio greetings to Soldiers overseas can now be recorded via a toll-free number.

The Holiday Audio Postcard Program, now entering its third year, allows people to leave a 15-second message of support and encouragement to Soldiers deployed worldwide by calling 1-800-706-1050.

The program received thousands of calls last year from all over the nation, said Sgt. 1st Class Matt Howard, the greetings producer for Soldiers Radio and Television. He said more than 1,500 of those calls aired on SoldiersRadio.com between songs and spot announcements.

This year, only about 100 messages have been recorded so far, and the deadline is Dec. 17. Last year, the toll-free number was posted on the Any Servicemember.com Web site, Howard said, and he hopes the site will list the number again this year.

The publicity last year brought in thousands of callers, Howard said, explaining that some were repetitive and only one message per person will air.

Family members call with greetings, Howard said, but so do friends, "old war buddies," veter-

ans, and even "mom and pop Americans with no connection to the service members."

Last year quite a few veterans from Desert Storm and Vietnam sent sympathetic greetings to Soldiers in Iraq, Howard said.

Soldiers in Iraq may be able to hear some of the greetings over the air on the American Forces Network radio station there, Howard said, as he plans to send the broadcasters there audio files to play.

In the meantime, though, the greetings can be heard on SoldiersRadio.com beginning Dec. 13 through Jan. 2. To tune in, log on to www.soldiersradio.com, and click on the "SRTV Radio Player" button.



Heidi Lawton, Soldiers Radio and Television intern, edits holiday messages for broadcast on SoldiersRadio.com



Photo by Spc. Joy Pariente

Col. Jonathan Hunter, garrison commander, handles the hot topics.

Friday morning flames GC gets fired, PMO gets smoked

BY SPC. CREIGHTON HOLUB
SCOUT STAFF

Post firefighters led Col. Jonathon Hunter, garrison commander and Maj. Rhett Weddell, provost marshal, through the post's fire fighting training tower's first floor Friday morning at the airfield.

"Major Weddell thought it would be good training to interact with the fire fighting personnel," fire fighter Keith Tepe said.

While Friday's training was Weddell's first fire fighting training, Hunter previously did fire training in Korea. Hunter also tested one of the new National Fire Protection Agency fire fighting suits during the training.

The fire fighters officially call their suits personal protection equipment, but slang terms for their uniforms are "bunker gear" and "turn-outs."

"This stuff is bulky," training operator Paul Goetz said. "With the new gear, it's a lot more flexible," Goetz said describing the new version of the personal protection equipment.

The crew, including Hunter and Weddell, cleared two rooms. They braved smoke and extracted a fire training mannequin from the first room. The second room reached approximately 1480 degrees and flames

shot up the walls and across the ceiling, Goetz said.

The training puts the fire fighters into a simulation to prepare them for the real emergencies that happen here.

Hunter played the part of crew chief while Weddell was the nozzle man. The rank and file fire fighters who hit the road during emergencies filled out the crew.

"Our job is to protect life and property," Goetz said.



Photo by Spc. Creighton Holub

Post fire fighter Gabe Hernandez and Maj. Rhett Weddell, provost marshal, aim the nozzle during Friday's training at the airfield.

Chaplain's Corner

Fort Huachuca holiday services and events

Catholic:

Regular masses

Daily Mass: 11:30 a.m. Main Post Chapel

Saturday: 5 p.m. Main Post Chapel

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Main Post Chapel

Sunday: 11:30 a.m. Kino Chapel

Special services:

Date	Time	Service	Location
Friday	5 p.m.	Children's Mass	Main Post Chapel
Friday	Midnight	Midnight Mass	Main Post Chapel
Christmas	10 a.m.	Christmas Day Mass	Main Post Chapel
Christmas	5 p.m.	Christmas Day Mass	Main Post Chapel
Dec. 31	5 p.m.	Vigil of Mary	Main Post Chapel
Jan 1	11:30 a.m.	Solemnity of Mary	Main Post Chapel

Protestant:

Regular services

Sunday: 8 a.m. Episcopal Main Post Chapel
9:20 a.m. Kino Chapel

9:30 a.m.

11 a.m.

11 a.m.

Prosser Village Chapel

Cross Roads Service – Cochise Theater

Main Post Chapel

Special services:

Date	Time	Service	Location
Friday	7 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	Main Post Chapel
Friday	10 p.m.	Episcopal Holy Eucharist	Main Post Chapel
Christmas	8:30 a.m.	Christmas Day Service - Episcopa	Main Post Chapel
Dec. 31	10 p.m.	Watch Night Service	Kino Chapel

Weekly Sunday night meetings
Middle School 4 p.m.-5 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel
High School 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel
Meetings will continue every Sunday through the holidays

For more information call, Mike DeRienzo at 227-6059.

Keep your 'best friends' safe this season

SCOUT REPORTS

The holidays should be a festive time for everyone, including your pets. Following these suggestions from the Fort Huachuca Veterinary Clinic will help you

keep the season safe for Fido and Fluffy.

Decorating dos, don'ts

Many holiday plants are toxic to pets, including the Poinsettia, Mistletoe, Christmas Cacti, and

holly. If your pet has ingested one of these plants, initially signs may include vomiting, salivation, and diarrhea. These signs may resolve on their own, however, if signs persist for more than two hours, or if your pet appears listless or dehydrated, veterinary attention may be necessary.

Holiday decorations can be hazardous to pets as some may eat tree ornaments, tinsel, or gift wrap. Veterinary attention should be sought immediately for ingestion of these items as they can become lodged in the intestine, or even twist around loops of bowel. Many cats, and even some dogs, like to chew on electrical cords. Hide tree light wires as much as possible because if animals chew through cords, it can cause burns inside the

mouth, and the pet can even be electrocuted. Hiding wires within PVC pipes can help eliminate this hazard. A good rule of thumb is to visit the child proofing aisle of the hardware stores for more ideas on how to animal proof your holiday décor.

Food precautions

Many people eat large meals for Christmas and want to share these meals with their pets. Some things to be careful about are:

- Too many fatty, rich or new types of foods can give your pet pancreatitis or an upset stomach (gastroenteritis).
- Bones can obstruct or penetrate pet's intestines.
- The string used to tie up the turkey during roasting can tie up

your pet's insides, as can the bag you roast in and the red pop-up thermometer.

-Onions, often found in stuffing, gravy, etc. can destroy animals' red blood cells, leading to anemia.

-Too much chocolate, especially baking chocolate, can kill your pet, so keep it well out of reach.

Cold weather care

Taking your pup out in the snow for the first time, may also prove hazardous to their health if they're not prepared for the cold weather shock.

Hypothermia (a body temperature of 99.5F or less) may occur during a disease process,

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Curtesy photo

Take precautions when traveling with your pets

SCOUT REPORTS

No one wants to leave their pet all alone during the holidays. Some pet owners take their pampered pets along with them while some find suitable holiday lodging for their pets at a animal hotel.

Traveling over the holidays with your pets takes some added preparation on your part. All animals traveling, whether by car or plane, need to have a signed health certificate from a veterinarian which certifies that your pets are not carrying any infectious diseases. When traveling by car, the certificate is good for 30 days. If traveling by air, the certificate is only good for 10 days. Also, call and check with your airline, because some airlines require an additional statement from the vet that the pet can travel in certain temperatures (especially important when traveling through or to cold environments). Health certificates are available from Fort Huachuca Veterinary Services by appointment only.

Sedation is often a necessary component when traveling with pets, especially cats. Sedation can only be prescribed by a veterinarian and the pet must be seen, on appointment only, in order to receive medication for travel. If your pet is very high strung, sedation (for the pet) may help to preserve your sanity, and calm the pet's nerves, for the duration of traveling. Also, check with the airline because some airlines will not let your pet travel if they have been administered a sedative. This is because pet's can often not regulate their own body temperature when under the influence of sedation.

When traveling to foreign countries, it takes sometimes months of pre-planning to take pets along. Each country has different standards and regulations, so it is a good idea to call Veterinary Services to find out each individual country's requirements prior to leaving.

If you are traveling and leaving your pet

behind, find a reputable boarding kennel by asking around for recommendations. Always make sure your pet has their favorite toys, blankets, and food (especially if they are picky or on a prescription diet) when you drop them off. Little comforts from home can make your pet feel more relaxed and allow them to have an enjoyable experience at a boarding kennel. Also, always personally check out the kennel prior to making a reservation so you can feel comfortable leaving your pet in someone else's care. Book your reservations early because boarding kennels fill up quickly, especially around the holiday season.



Phot illustration by Elizabeth Davie

Re-up benefits Soldier, Army

BY SPC. CREIGHTON HOLUB
SCOUT STAFF

With the new year coming up soon, the Army wants as many Soldiers as possible to reenlist in the upcoming year.

"We're fighting the Global War on Terrorism," said Master Sgt. Charles Brandon, one of the five career counselors on post. "It's very important for the American Soldier to realize that."

Brandon does not expect any big changes for reenlisting in 2005, but he said that one big change started about six months ago when the Army began to pay cash bonuses in lump sums.

Another new initiative is the eArmyU option. eArmyU allows Soldiers to continue their education anywhere in the world. "If they reenlist for a Unit of Action, they can get the free laptop and free college. Anybody with three years left on their contract can do eArmyU," Brandon said.

There are different options for different Soldiers. Brandon said those options depend on factors such as: how long the Soldier has been the military, if

their military occupational specialty is over-or under-strength and the Soldier's general technology score. Soldiers have the options to reclassify into another MOS or stay at Fort Huachuca.

"Fort Huachuca is a great place to live," Brandon said. Some Soldiers can stay here under an option called current station stabilization. "Staying here helps families stay in their surroundings."

Another reason to reenlist is for cash bonuses associated with a Soldier's MOS. The highest reenlistment bonus here is for 98G, Korean language voice interceptor. The cap for this MOS is \$40,000. Bonuses are based on pay grade, years the Soldier reenlists for and years in service the Soldier has completed.

Some of the MOSs that currently have bonuses available to them are: 33W, 74D, 96B, 96D, 96U, 98C, 98G and many Signal Corps MOS can get reenlistment bonuses.

"Most of my Soldiers are staying in because they like the military," said Staff Sgt. Steven Martel, retention noncommissioned officer for the 111th

Military Intelligence Battalion.

Many Soldiers are staying in are service to country, financial security, camaraderie, team work, travel, being a part of something bigger than yourself, Brandon said. "Making a difference is attractive to a lot of people," Brandon said.

A Soldier who has been in the Army for at least 24 months must be at least a specialist to reenlist.

The earliest a Soldier may reenlist is 12 months before their end term service date. A career counselor may look at the Soldier's situation as early as 13 months before that ETS date.

"The longer you wait to reenlist, the less the Army will offer you," Brandon said. "Once they've actually ETS-ed, they have to go back to the recruiter. When Soldiers get out of the Army, they are back at the mercy of the recruiter."

A promotable specialist may stay in the Army for 13 years and a promotable sergeant can retire after 20 years under current regulations.

There are three categories that Soldiers fall into for retention purposes: initial termers,

mid-career Soldiers who have reenlisted once, but has less than 10 years active federal service, and career Soldiers with more than 10 years active federal service.

Brandon said that the Army will put a Soldier on orders any time it wants. Doing so effectively forces Soldiers to decide if they want in or out of the Army.

"The best way to control your career is look at your reenlistment options," Brandon

said.

"Any time you do more than one reenlistment a day you're doing good," Brandon said. "Reenlistment is booming on Fort Huachuca right now."

Brandon has helped 71 Soldiers reenlist in the past 68 days.

There are also fringe benefits like Fort Huachuca T-shirts, fleece lined coats, organizers, thermos kits and folding chairs available right now for reenlistees.



Courtesy photo

Kudos



And the winner is...

On Dec. 8, Thunderbird Dining Facility was named winner of the Commanding General's Best Thanksgiving Day Competition. Col. Tommy Kelley, Col. Marybeth Shively and Col. Timothy Quinn presented the award to the workers at the facility. Quinn also thanked the team for "bringing the Soldiers closer to home." Yardley Dining Facility was awarded second place.

Range Closures

Thursday – AN, AU, AW, T1, T1A, T2
 Friday – AW, T1, T1A, T2
 Saturday – T1, T1A, T2
 Sunday – No Closures
 Monday – AW
 Tuesday – AW, T1, T1A, T2
 Wednesday – T1, T1A, T2

For more information on Range Closures call, Range Control 533-7095.

Closures subject to change.

Blood drive

U.S. Army Medical Department Activity will be providing med support today at Eifler Gym sponsored by the Red Cross (U.S. Army Intelligence Center - tasked unit) MEDDAC will be providing med support. And the challenge is on. Future thanks in supporting this end of year drive - 1 pint saves 3 lives

For more information, call Lucinda Barber at 533-8493.

Hospital closures

Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center will close from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. on Friday, to celebrate the holiday season with department holiday parties. Departments will include the Pharmacy, Pathology (Lab), and Radiology (X-Ray) departments as well as our clinics. We will be open before and after these hours and as always will be available for acute care.

We would also like to remind you we will be closed on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Our Weekend and Holiday Clinic will be open those days and the weekend from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The phone line will be open for appointments at 10 a.m. and appointments begin at 11 a.m.

The number to call for weekend and holiday acute care is 533-9165. For more information call, Selina Jeanise at 520-533-5668.

Car seat program

The Child Restraint and Safety Help Program will hold their first drive-through event on Fri. from 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. in the front parking lot of Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center. To get a free car seat for your child or children you must bring them and the car they will be in most frequently to the event during the above hours. If you are pregnant you may receive a car seat now, before your baby is born. If you are a grandparent or relative caring for a child you may also get a car seat, but you must have the child with you.

The CRASH staff is also available for unit and organization car seat and vehicular safety training and education.

For more information please call, Selina Jeanise at 533-5668

Holiday hours

Administration Office will be closed on

Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Eve and New Year's.

Launderette will be open on Christmas Eve from 6 a.m. – 6 p.m., closed on Christmas, open from 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. on New Year's Eve and open from 6 a.m. – 9 p.m. on New Year's.

Main Store will be open from 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. today, from 9 a.m. – 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. on Sunday, from 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. on Monday through today, from 9 a.m. – 10 p.m. on Fri. and Sat., from 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. on Sun., from 9 a.m. – 10 p.m. on Mon. through Dec. 23, from 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve, closed on Christmas, from 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. on Dec. 26 through Dec. 30, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. on New Year's Eve and New Year's.

Barber Shop Main Store will be open from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve, closed on Christmas, open from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. on New Year's Eve and closed New Year's.

Beauty Shop will be open on Christmas Eve from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., closed on Christmas, open from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. on New Year's Eve and closed on New Year's.

Flower Shop will be open on Christmas Eve from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., closed on Christmas, open from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. on New Year's Eve and closed on New Year's.

GNC will be open on Christmas Eve from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., closed on Christmas, open from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. on New Year's Eve and closed on New Year's.

UPS Store will be open on Christmas Eve from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., closed on Christmas, open from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. on New Year's Eve and closed on New Year's.

Optical Shop will be open on Christmas Eve from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., closed on Christmas, open from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. on New Year's Eve and closed on New Year's.

Xtreeme Franks will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas, and closed on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Baskin Robins will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas, open from Noon – 4 p.m. on Dec. 26 through Dec. 30, and closed on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Anthony's Pizza will be open on Christmas Eve from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., closed on Christmas, open from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. on New Year's Eve and closed on New Year's.

Robin Hood Deli will be open on Christmas Eve from 10:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., closed on Christmas, open from 10:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. on New Year's Eve and closed on New Year's.

Furn/ODL will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m., Sundays from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Christmas Eve from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m., closed on Christmas, open from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. on New Year's Eve and from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. on New Year's.

Shoppette/Class 6 will be closed on Christmas and opened from 8 a.m. – 10 p.m. on New Year's Day.

Barracks Phone Center will be open from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Christmas Eve, and closed on Christmas, open from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. on New Year's Eve, and closed on New Year's.

Laundry, Dry Cleaner, Alteration will be open from 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Christmas Eve, and closed on Christmas, open from 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. on New Year's Eve, and closed on New Year's.

AT&T Cyber Zone will be open from 8 a.m. – 9 p.m. on Christmas Eve, and closed on Christmas, open from 8 a.m. – 9 p.m. on New Year's Eve, and closed on New Year's.

Barber Shop-Mini Mall will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Eve and New Year's.

Wired Coffee will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Eve and New Year's.

Enterprise will be open from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Christmas Eve, closed on Christmas, open from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. on New Year's Eve and closed on New Year's.

Laundry & Dry Cleaner MCSS will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Eve and New Year's.

Cochise Theater will be closed on Dec. 23 Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Eve and New Year's.

Military Clothing Sales and Services will be open from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Sat., from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Sun., from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Mon. through Christmas Eve, closed on Christmas, open from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Dec. 26, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Dec. 27 through New Year's Eve, and closed on New Year's.

Burger King will be open from 7 a.m. – 9 p.m. on Sat., from 8 a.m. – 9 p.m. on Sun., from 6 a.m. – 10 p.m. on Mon. through Dec. 23, from 6 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Christmas Eve, closed on Christmas and Dec. 26, open from 6 a.m. – 7 p.m. on Dec. 27 through New Year's Eve, closed on New Year's and open from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Jan. 2.

Greely Hall Diner will be open from 6:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., closed on Christmas Eve, open from 6:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. and closed on New Year's Eve.

Barber Shop Greely Hall will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Eve and New Year's.

JITC Cafeteria will be open from 7 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Dec. 23, closed on Christmas Eve, open from 7 a.m. – 1 p.m., and closed on New Year's Eve. Mobile Trucks will be closed from Sat. through Jan. 2.

Regimental Retail Store will be open from 8 a.m. – 9 p.m. on Dec. 18 through Christmas Eve, closed on Christmas, open from 8 a.m. – 9 p.m. on Dec. 26 through Dec. 30, from 8 a.m. – 10 p.m. on Dec. 31 and New Year's.

Regimental Food Court-Anthony's will be open from noon – 6 p.m. on Sat. through Christmas Eve, closed on Christmas, open from noon – 6 p.m. on Dec. 26 through New Year's Eve, closed on New Year's, open from noon – 8:30 p.m. on

Jan. 2 and from 10:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. on Jan. 3.

Regimental Food Court-Charley's will be open from noon – 6 p.m. on Sat. through Christmas Eve, closed on Christmas, open from noon – 6 p.m. on Dec. 26 through New Year's Eve, closed on New Year's and open from noon – 8:30 p.m. on Jan. 2 and open from 10:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. on Jan. 3.

Regimental Food Court-Franks's Cart will be closed from Sat. – Jan. 2. Regimental Food Court-Popeye's will be open from noon – 6 p.m. on Sat. through Christmas Eve, closed on Christmas, open from noon – 6 p.m. on Dec. 26 through New Year's Eve, closed on New Year's, open from noon – 8:30 p.m. on Jan. 2 and from 10:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. on Jan. 3.

Main Gate Shoppette will be open Christmas Eve from 7 a.m. – 6 p.m., closed on Christmas and open on Dec. 26 from 8 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Taco Johns will be closed on Christmas, open on Dec. 26 from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. on Dec. 27 through Dec. 30, from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. on New Year's Eve, closed on New Year's and open from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Jan. 2.

MLK luncheon

The Fort Huachuca military community presents a post-wide commemoration luncheon in honor of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The theme for the event is "How Does a Man of Peace Fight?" It will be held at the Thunder Mountain Activity Center on Jan. 20 from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

The guest speaker for this event will be the Honorable Ronald A. Wilson, chief presiding judge for the city of South Tucson. The cost of the luncheon is \$10. For more information or tickets, call the Military Equal Opportunity Office at 533-1717/3696/5305.

Closures

The Self Help Store will be closed Dec. 24, Christmas, New Year's Eve and New Year's. For more information, call Ange Figueroa at 533-2049.

The Thrift Shop at Fort Huachuca will be closed for the holidays from Fri. until Jan. 3. We will reopen Jan. 4 at 9:30 a.m..

For more information please, call Lois Shuttleworth at 458-4606.

New MWR program

SKIESUnlimited is an acronym for "School of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration, and Skills" with the word "Unlimited" for the unlimited possibilities this program can offer Army children and youth. SKIESUnlimited encompasses instructional programs for children and youth from toddler to adolescence.

For more information about the Fort Huachuca SKIESUnlimited program call, our Instructional Program Specialist, Robin Gabert, at 533-0710.

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be caused by sedation, anesthesia or surgery, or may be due to accidental exposure to a cold environment with inadequate shelter. When the rectal temperature lowers to 82 degrees or less, dogs lose the inherent ability to return their own body temperature to normal. However, with treatment they may survive. The extent of injuries will vary with the actual temperature of the body and the duration of hypothermic conditions.

Frostbite occurs following exposure to a cold environment with body temperatures below 93F. Exposure to cold causes destruction of superficial tissues. The most commonly affected body areas are the ear tips, the tail, external genitalia and the footpads.

Prevention tips include the following:

It takes between seven and 10 days to partially acclimate to cold environments. It may take up to two whole months to fully acclimatize. Always provide adequate shelter with a heating source. You can utilize sweaters, vests and dog boots to prevent cold weather injury. It is always a good idea to have pets remain indoors at night starting in October through March. Also keep pets inside during the daytime hours if temperatures drop below 40 degrees for large heavy coated dogs, and 50 degrees for small breeds or short coated dogs.

Following these tips will help insure a safe and healthy season for all your furry friends.



Photo by Elizabeth Davie

Some dogs love to play in the snow, makes sure they stay healthy.

2005 basic allowances for housing rates announced

DODNEWS

The Department of Defense released the 2005 Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) rates today, continuing the department's initiative of reducing military members' out-of-pocket housing costs. In total, the planned increase in housing allowance funds for fiscal 2005 above the fiscal 2004 amount is about \$2.5 billion. The 2005 rates represent the final phase of the planned buy down in out-of-pocket housing expenses. Other components of the increase are geographic rate protection and housing cost inflation.

Out-of-pocket expense, the portion of the typical member's housing cost that the member is responsible for, has been reduced from 3.5 percent last year to zero this year. The 2005 rates represent the final phase in a series of steps taken to bring the average member's out-of-pocket expense to zero by 2005. However, the actual expense for an individual may be higher or lower than that average, based on his/her actual choice of housing.

Three components are included in the BAH computation:

- Median current market rent

- Average utilities (including electricity, heat, and water/sewer)

- Average renter's insurance

Total housing costs are calculated for six housing profiles (based on dwelling type and number of bedrooms) in each Military Housing Area (MHA). BAH rates are then calculated for each pay grade, both with and without dependents. An estimated \$12.3 billion will be paid to more than 910,000 service members in 2005.

Data are collected annually for approximately 400 MHAs in the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii. An important part of the BAH process is the cooperation from the services and local military housing offices in the data collection effort. Input from local commands is used to determine in what neighborhoods data is collected and to direct the data collection effort towards adequate apartment complexes and individual housing units.

For members with dependents, average increases in the BAH are approximately 8 percent. A typical E-4 with dependents, for example, will find his/her BAH about \$47 per month

higher than last year. An E-8 with dependents will have about \$60 more in his/her paycheck.

An integral part of the BAH program is the provision of individual rate protection to all members. No matter what happens to measured housing costs, an individual member in a given location will never see his/her BAH rate decrease. This policy assures that members who have made long-term commitments in the form of a lease or contract will not be penalized if the area's housing costs decrease.

Geographic rate protection has also been provided to members. Geographic rate protection maintains a BAH rate at last year's level while the planned buy down in out-of-pocket expense is phased in. Geographic rate protection means that newly arrived members to an area will not see BAH rates that are substantially less than current members' rates.

The continual improvement in housing allowances represent the Defense Department's commitment to the preservation of a compensation and benefit structure which will provide members with a suitable and secure standard of living, that will sustain a trained and ready force in the future.

Stay safe this h

Traveling safe this year is easy

BY SPC. MARCUS BUTLER
SCOUT STAFF

The holidays are a time for having fun, but they're also a time to be responsible, especially when it comes to drinking and driving. Police are trying to keep the roadway safe, and there are others who are trying to keep drinkers off the roadway roads all together. Also, travel safety is not confined to the roads but to air, train and boat travel as well.

Statistics show that 1 out of every 18,800 people will be injured in some type of travel accident.

They are rules that can be followed to lessen the odds of you, your family members or close friends from becoming a statistic, said Bruce Heran, safety manager.

First, if someone has been drinking get the keys. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the advertising council's Innocent Victims Public Service campaign emphasizes the need to intervene and get the keys away from someone about to drive drunk.

The more a person drinks, the more their ability to make crucial driving decisions becomes impaired. After just one drink, a driver can begin to lose their ability to perform the tasks necessary to drive a car including braking, steering, changing lanes, and using judgment to adjust to changing road conditions. At a certain point, a driver will become legally intoxicated and can be arrested for attempting to operate a motor vehicle.

There are a few tips provided by the post safety office, to help combat drunken driving this holiday season.

- If the person is a close friend, try and use a soft,

calm approach at first. Suggest to them that they've had too much to drink and it would be better if someone else drove or if they took a cab.

- Be calm, joke about it, make light of it.
- Try to make it sound like you are doing them a favor.

• If the person is somebody you don't know well, speak to their friends and have them make an attempt to persuade them to hand over the keys. Usually they will listen.

• If the person is a good friend, spouse, or significant other, tell them that if they insist on driving, you are not going with them. Tell them that you will call someone else for a ride, take a cab, or walk.

• Locate the person's keys while they are preoccupied and take them away. Most likely, they will think they've lost their keys and will be forced to find another mode of transportation.

• If possible, avoid embarrassing the person or being confrontational. This makes them appear vulnerable to alcohol and its effects.

When traveling by air, make sure that the rules of air travel are followed. Preparation can help cut down on travel delays. Inexperienced and experienced travelers alike can help ease airport security delays by following these simple guidelines:

Before you leave home:

- Reconfirm your flight directly with the airline 24 to 48 hours prior to departure.

- Pack smart.

• Protect yourself and your valuables by placing medicine and expensive items in your carry-on luggage. Keep a pencil or pen handy throughout your trip to the gate, departure time and connecting flight information.

- Identify your baggage inside and out.

• Place a baggage tag with name, home address and telephone number on the outside of your bag; inside your baggage, put your home information plus your destination address and telephone number.

- Bring fewer carry-ons to speed boarding.

• Up to two items may be carried on, and each must fit under your seat or in an overhead compartment. Check your ticket envelope or call your travel agent or the airline's reservation office for size and weight requirements.

- Read your ticket and ticket envelope in advance. They provide

helpful information about policies set by the government and the airline.

Leaving and arriving at the airport:

- Leave early for the airport.

• Arrive at the airport up to two hours before departure for domestic flights and up to three hours before departure for international flights. Anticipate slowdowns during the holidays - traffic may be heavier, airport parking lots may be fuller and lines may be longer at the airport.

- Check baggage routing.

• Ensure that the agent or skycap attaches the correct tags for your destination city. If you don't recognize the city code - for example, ORD is Chicago O'Hare airport - ask, particularly if you have connecting flights.

Check in early:

• Check in at the airline ticket counter if you don't have a seat assignment; go directly to the gate for check-in if you have a boarding pass. Check in one hour before departure on domestic flights and two hours before international departures.

• Carry at least one form of photo ID at all times. A second photo ID might be required at some airports.

- Know your departure gate.

• Ask the agent or skycap to write your departure gate number on your ticket envelope or boarding card. Be sure to be at your departure gate at least 30 minutes before scheduled departure time.

Security Check Points:

• Once at the airport, be prepared to have your belongings searched by security personnel.

- Remove heavy metal at security checkpoints.

• Don't wear large metal buckles, belts or jewelry that will activate the metal detector's alarm.

• Laptop computers and other electric devices might require additional time to clear security.

Boarding:

- Stay close to the departure gate.

• There you will receive boarding instructions and any last-minute information you need for the flight.

- Board when asked

• Be sure to board when your row number is called. Empty seats will be counted and given to standby passengers.

When plane lands:

• Upon arrival at your destination, go immediately to the baggage claim area to pick up your luggage. Have the claim stubs available.

"When in doubt ask questions," said Heran. "Airline employees are generally friendly and helpful. No

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Photo by Elizabeth Davie

Be sure to obey all the driving laws, traffic will be heavy for the holidays.

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Photo by Elizabeth Davie

Drink safely

BY SPC. MARCUS BUTLER
SCOUT STAFF

Most people think that if a few drinks make them feel good, then a lot of drinks will make them feel even better. But that's not true. Although a few drinks will make them feel better, more will make them feel worse. It's called the biphasic, or two part, effect. People tend to feel better as their blood alcohol concentration rises to about .05

(.055 to be exact) states an article from www.familyeducation.com.

That's the first phase or part. If people drink more and their BAC rises above .055, the negative effects of drinking increase and hangovers become worse. That's the second phase.

Here are some hints for maintaining a moderate blood alcohol

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Be smart: Drugs, exodus don't mix

BY SPC. MARCUS BUTLER
SCOUT STAFF

Drugs and the Army don't mix. During the holiday season, Soldiers seek out ways to relieve the stresses of the past year and fall in to old habits with hometown friends. With the holiday rise in drug and alcohol related offenses, biomedical testing Armywide increases and Soldiers need to remain disciplined to safeguard their careers.

During the months of December and January, there were a total of 18 reported drug offenses. For the same period of 2003/2004 there were a total of 19 reported offenses, as reported by Provost Marshall's office. "We

cannot tie safety issues to these numbers, however, we can clearly say that the presence of drugs in our lives and our communities makes everything worse," said Laurie A. Williams, prevention coordinator

Army Substance Abuse Program.

The major problem when dealing with Soldiers during exodus is that some of the Soldiers seem to relax, Williams said. Soldiers are off duty, off the installation or away from the drill sergeants, and out of uniform during the holidays seem to put themselves in situations that they become distracted, she explained. "They become distracted from their responsibilities to themselves, the Army and the community. As a result, they may

be prone to make bad personal choices and decide to use drugs or drink irresponsibly."

Avoiding slippery places is a term frequently used in Alcohol Anonymous meetings, Williams said. This principle applies to acquaintances, peers, and family members who have the habits and lifestyles that may cause unwanted temptation to a Soldier.

"If a Soldier has been in these particular situations before [and has had problems], make it known to help avoid falling back into old habits," Williams said.

Soldiers should keep in mind that the Army has a very aggressive biochemical testing policy and commanders are encourages to be vigilant and

test their troops especially in conjunction with the holiday season and just after exodus.

The Army has many programs in place to deal with Soldiers' bad decisions regarding drugs and alcohol. "They [programs] are there just in case a career altering decision is made," Williams said. These programs, available through the Army Substance Abuse Program, can possibly help salvage the Soldiers career.

Some of these programs are:
•Employee Assistance Program which provides civilian employees with confidential referral

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Safety tips for children this holiday season

BY THAYDA GRAVES
SCOUT STAFF

The safety of children during the holiday season is an important concern. Bruce Heran, installation safety manager, offers advice for protecting children during this festive season.

"We encourage folks to buy gifts that are of the appropriate age and skill level for their children," Heran said. "For very small kids, you have to watch out for parts that come off of toys." Choking haz-

ards are a big concern for children three-years-old and younger because they tend to explore objects with their mouths.

Heran discourages toys that require assembly for younger children. Smaller pieces of the toy may be choking hazards. Also, the child may become frustrated while trying to assemble the toy.

Two poisonous plants that may be found around the home during the holiday season are mistletoe and holly, particularly the berries from the holly. If you decorate your home or tree with these plants, keep them out of

reach of children.

"Stay away from glass ornaments, anything that can break," Heran said. "If you put lights on things, make sure the children can't get to the lights. You almost have to kid proof your house."

If you have more than one child, be aware of rivalry caused by one child wanting a toy given to another child.

Heran advises against pets for the holidays. A

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question is too simple.” Another form of travel, trains, also should have the passengers being safety savvy. Traveling by train can be a fun and safe experience by following some simple rules:

- If the trip involves visiting friends or family, then your train route should probably be the most direct route available.
- Look for the most direct route to a destination to reduce or avoid the necessity of changing trains. This will reduce stress of the trip and the chances of missing a connecting train as a result of delays. It also reduces the risk of losing luggage.
- If you haven’t chosen a final destination for the vacation, do some research and look into scenic train routes that will add picturesque views to the trip. For example, taking the train from Edmonton to Vancouver through the Mountains can be a thrilling adventure for kids as they watch the mountains pass by, go through tunnels and over train trestles.
- Children under two years and not occupying a seat are usually free on most trains - check with the rail company - when riding in parent’s lap. If booking a seat, consider taking a car seat for children under two years of age.
- Most rail companies offer reduced rates for children under 12 years of age and if purchasing a seat for children under two.
- Check with the rail company for packages that may include accommodations,

rental cars and discounts.

- If the trip is longer than six hours, consider traveling at night and booking a sleeper car - most children really enjoy sleeping in the bunks. It is more expensive to book sleepers, but it is worth it for a long trip.
- Take a trial run - look for a local heritage or site-seeing short duration train trip (one that is about an hour in length) to take the kids for a ride on. This gives you a chance to familiarize all of you with a train, and perhaps go over some guidelines for safety and behavior on the train prior to the actual trip.
- Reserve a window seat. Ask if the seats allow seats facing each other if traveling as a family of four (two adults/ two Children). This way each child has a window seat.
- Inquire if a dining car is available and if you can reserve a seating time - take an early seating if possible.
- Some trains offer special domed cars or cafe cars that may have lounges offering a chance for families to walk through the train for a change of pace.
- Book seats at either end of the car - especially if traveling with toddlers - this allows for walks to one end and back again. It may be a bit louder at the ends, but this may work to your advantage to muffle any noise children may be making.
- Ask ahead of time for priority boarding.

Even though cruises are seemingly a lot

of fun, safety is still priority number one. Alcohol and boating don’t mix. “Alcohol impairs your judgment, balance, and coordination,” said Heran. “Over 50 percent of drowning results from boating incidents involving alcohol.”

For the same reasons it is dangerous to operate an automobile while under the influence of alcohol, people should not operate a boat while drinking alcohol.

- Look for the label: Use Coast Guard-approved life jackets for yourself and your passengers when boating and fishing.
- Develop a float plan. Anytime you go out in a boat, give a responsible person details about where you will be and how long you will be gone. This is important because if the boat is delayed because of an emergency, becomes lost, or encounters other problems, you want help to be able to reach you.
- Find a boating course in your area (Red Cross, U.S. Power Squadron, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, US Sailing, etc) — these courses teach about navigation rules, emergency procedures and the effects of wind, water conditions, and weather.
- Watch the weather: Know local weather conditions and prepare for electrical storms. Watch local news programs. Stop boating as soon as you see or hear a storm.
- Know your local laws and regulations. Some states have special laws governing the use of personal water craft (PWC) which

address operations, registration and licensing requirements, education, required safety equipment and minimum ages.

- Operate your PWC with courtesy and common sense. Follow the traffic pattern of the waterway. Obey no-wake and speed zones.
- Use extreme caution around swimmers and surfers. Run your PWC at a slow speed until the craft is away from shore, swimming areas, and docks. Avoid passing close to other boats and jumping wakes. This behavior is dangerous and often illegal.
- Coast Guard-approved life jackets should be worn by the operator of the PWC as well as any riders.

• Ride with a buddy. PWCs should always travel in groups of two or three. You never know when an emergency might occur.

“The holidays are traditionally a high risk period for vehicle accidents. We need all of our soldiers, civilian employees and family members to be especially vigilant while traveling. Make sure your vehicles are safe and that you are prepared for unexpected emergencies or delays in adverse weather conditions, and that you drive defensively. Above all never drink and drive. Fort Huachuca is dependent on each and every member of our great team and we want you to be safe over the holidays so we are ready to keep the mission moving in the New Year,” said Col. Jonathan B. Hunter, garrison commander.

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concentration:

- Don’t be fooled. The contents of the typical bottle or can of beer, glass of wine, or liquor drink (mixed drink or straight liquor) each contain virtually identical amounts of pure alcohol. When it comes to alcohol, a drink is a drink and they are all the same to a breathalyzer.
- Know your limit. If you are not sure, experiment at home with your spouse or some other responsible individual. Ex-

plain what you are attempting to learn. Most people find that they can consume one drink per hour without any ill effects.

- Eat food while you drink. Food, especially high protein food such as meat and cheese will help slow the absorption of alcohol into your body.
- Sip your drink. If you gulp a drink, you also lose the pleasure of savoring its flavors and aromas.
- Don’t participate in “chugging” contests or

other drinking games.

- Accept a drink only when you really want one. If someone tries to force a drink on you, ask for a non-alcohol beverage instead. If that doesn’t work, “lose” your drink by setting it down somewhere and leaving it.
- Skip a drink now and then. Having a non-alcoholic drink between alcoholic ones will help keep your blood alcohol content level down, as does spacing out your alcoholic

drinks

- A good general guideline for most people is to limit consumption of alcohol beverages to one drink (beer, wine or spirits) per hour.
 - Keep active; don’t just sit around and drink. If you stay active you tend to drink less and to be more aware of any effects alcohol may be having on you.
- Not only is there too much drinking, but there is too young drinking. Consequences of underage drink-

ing, especially heavy drinking and frequent, heavy drinking, is associated with numerous negative consequences.

As a result, young people who drink are more likely to engage in risk-taking behavior that can result in illness, injury, and death. Acute consequences of underage drinking include unintentional death and injury associated with driving or engaging in other risky tasks after drinking, homicide and violence, suicide

attempts, sexual assault, risky sexual behavior, and vandalism and property damage.

Underage drinking also involves some legal consequences as well. It is unlawful for any soldier under the age of twenty-one to lawfully purchase, possess, provide, or consume alcoholic beverages in this anywhere in the United States. This is stated under the provision of Article 134 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice

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to obtain assistance for problems that can affect their performance.

• Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Training which provides the opportunity, through education and awareness, for intervention with identified soldiers who have exhibited high-risk substance abuse behaviors.

The holiday season is a time for family and fun. Make sure that your actions are inductive to the guidelines set forth by the Army, said Williams. “The bottom line is to be mindful of your actions and think of the consequences.”

“Soldiers should turn safety briefings into personal habits,” Williams said. “Always use a designated driver and always try to maintain control of any situation.”

For more information on ASAP programs visit <http://acsap.army.mil>.

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child could become frightened by an excited animal. Some decorations in the home could be hazardous to pets.

Dress children appropriately for the weather. Hats, jackets, and gloves are important in colder temperatures. Have children change out of wet clothing as soon as possible.

Remove ice and snow from front steps and handrails to prevent slips and falls.

“Have a fire extinguisher around the house, and a smoke detector,” Heran advises. “If you have children that are old enough, have a fire plan. Make sure they know how to get out. If not, you ought to have a plan for the adults to get them out.”

While out shopping in the mall and other crowded areas, be sure to keep an eye on your child. “Kids can run off easily and they can be snatched,” Heran said. “Make

sure your child has some identification on them.” He advises parents to sew a label in their child’s clothes with your phone number.

Practice food safety during the holidays. Make sure that hot foods stay hot and cold foods stay cold. Keep plastic food out of a child’s reach. Small children may not be able to distinguish non-edible items from real food.

A major safety concern for children all year long pertains to car seats. “Make sure that any children you put in vehicles have appropriate seat belts and/or car seats, and that parents know how to fasten the car seat properly,” Heran said.

Parents and caregivers should know how to contact the local medical community, such as 911 and poison control.

Ultimate sacrifice paid in support of OIF

Cpl. Joseph O. Behnke, 45, of Brooklyn, New York, died Dec. 4 in Baghdad, Iraq, when he was in a vehicle accident. Behnke was assigned to the Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 258th Field Artillery Regiment, Brooklyn, New York.

Staff Sgt. Kyle A. Eggers, 27, of Euless, Texas, died Dec. 5 in Habbaniyah, Iraq, when his vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device. Eggers was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, Camp Greaves, Korea. **Pfc. Andrew M. Ward**, 25, of Kirkland, Wash., died Dec. 5 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces using small arms fire. Ward was assigned to the 44th Engineer Battalion, 2d Infantry Division, Camp Howze, Korea.

Staff Sgt. Marvin L. Trost III, 28, of Goshen, Ind. and **Spc. Edwin W. Roodhouse**, 36, of San Jose, Calif. died Dec. 5 in Habbaniyah, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near their HMMWV. Both were assigned to the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, Camp Greaves, Korea.

Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, of Springfield, Va., died Dec. 7 in Baghdad, Iraq, when his unit was conducting dismounted operations and was attacked by small arms fire. Stubenhofer was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Division, Fort Riley, Kan.

Cpl. In C. Kim, 23, of Warren, Mich., died Dec. 7 as result of a non-hostile vehicle incident in Al Anbar Prov-

ince, Iraq. He was assigned to 9th Communications Battalion, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Sgt. Arthur C. Williams, IV, 31, of Edgewater, Fla., died Dec. 8 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, when his unit was conducting a dismounted patrol and was attacked by small arms fire. Williams was assigned to the 44th Engineer Battalion, 2d Infantry Division, Camp Howze, Korea.

Sgt. 1st Class Todd C. Gibbs, 37, of Angelina, Texas, died Dec. 7 in Khalidiyah, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated while his unit was on a dismounted patrol. Gibbs was assigned to 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, Camp Greaves, Korea.

1st Lt. Andrew C. Shields, 25, of Campobello, S.C. and **Chief Warrant Officer Patrick D. Leach**, 39, of Rock Hill, S.C. died Dec. 9 in Mosul, Iraq after being involved in an Apache helicopter accident. Both were assigned to the 1st Battalion, 151st Aviation Regiment, South Carolina National Guard, Columbia, S.C.

Pfc. Christopher S. Adlesperger, 20, of Albuquerque, N.M. died Dec. 9 as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. Adlesperger was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Cpl. Kyle J. Renahan, 21, of Oxford, Pa., died Dec. 9 in Kaiserslautern, Germany, from injuries received on Nov. 29 as result of enemy action in Babil Province, Iraq. He was assigned to

Marine Air Control Squadron 2, Marine Air Control Group 28, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C.

Spc. Robert W. Hoyt, 21, of Ashford, Conn., died Saturday in Baghdad, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV while conducting convoy operations. Hoyt was assigned to the Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 102nd Infantry Regiment, Bristol, Conn.

Lance Cpl. Jeffery S. Blanton, 23, of Fayetteville, Ga., died Sunday as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

Sgt. Jeffrey L. Kirk, 24, of Baton Rouge, La., died Sunday as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Pfc. Joshua A. Ramsey, 19, from Defiance, Ohio, died Sunday in Baghdad, Iraq, from non-combat related injuries. Ramsey was assigned to the 95th Military Police Battalion, Mannheim, Germany. The incident is under investigation.

Staff Sgt. Melvin L. Blazer, 38, of Moore, Okla., **Lance Cpl. Hilario F. Lopez**, 22, of Ingleside, Texas. and **Lance Cpl. Gregory P. Rund**, 21, of Littleton, Colo. died as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar, Iraq. Rund died Saturday and Blazer and Lopez died Sunday. All three were assigned to 3rd Bat-



alion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Pfc. Brent T. Vroman, 21, of Oshkosh, Wis., died Monday from wounds received as a result of enemy action in Babil Province, Iraq. He was assigned to the Marine Corps Reserve's 2nd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, headquartered in Chicago, Ill.

DoD announces next Iraq, Afghanistan rotations

ARMYNEWSRELEASE

The Stryker Brigade in Alaska and a brigade of the Georgia National Guard are scheduled to begin deploying to Iraq in mid-2005, along with the returning 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and 4th Infantry Division, a brigade of the 10th Mountain Division and a brigade of the 1st Infantry Division from Fort Riley, Kan.

Two other brigades of the 10th Mountain division from Fort Drum, N.Y., will deploy to Afghanistan next year along with the headquarters of the Florida National Guard's 53rd Infantry Brigade, Defense officials announced.

Department of Defense released a partial rotation list Dec. 14 of units scheduled for deployment to Afghanistan and Iraq in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. As other units are identified and alerted, officials said subsequent announcements will be made.

OIF Rotation

For Operation Iraqi Freedom, the rotation is consistent with the current force structure in Iraq of 17

brigades and three division headquarters, DoD officials said. The partial troop deployment list includes:

48th Infantry Brigade (Separate), Georgia Army National Guard

172d Stryker Brigade Combat Team, Fort Wainwright, Alaska

1st Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y.

101st Airborne Division, Air Assault (division headquarters and 4 brigades), Fort Campbell, Ky.

4th Infantry Division (division headquarters and 4 brigades), Fort Hood, Texas

1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kan.

The 101st Airborne Division went into Iraq in March 2003 as part of the initial assault and began redeploying to Fort Campbell this past February. The 4th Infantry Division entered Iraq in April 2003 and returned to Fort Hood this past April.

The first units deploying to Iraq in the next rotation are scheduled to arrive in mid-2005, officials said, and successive units will deploy at various times through mid-2006.

OEF Rotation

For Operation Enduring Freedom, the 3rd and 4th Brigades and headquarters elements of the Army's 10th Mountain Division from Fort Drum, N.Y., will deploy to Afghanistan next year along with the headquarters of the Florida National Guard's 53rd Infantry Brigade.

This OEF rotation is consistent with the current force structure of three brigades and a division headquarters in Afghanistan, DoD officials said. They said the first units deploying to Afghanistan are scheduled to arrive in mid-2005, and successive units will deploy at various points through mid-2006.

DoD's goal is to increasingly pass responsibility for security and governance of Iraq and Afghanistan to the security forces of those nations, officials said. They added that U.S. force rotations may be tailored based upon changes in the security situation in Iraq and Afghanistan.

(Editor's note: Information taken from a DoD news release.)

Ring in the new year with MWR

TMAC plans New Year's Eve party, buffets

The doors will open at 5 p.m., Dec. 31, for Thunder Mountain Activity Centre's New Year's Eve celebration.

From 5:30 - 9:30 p.m., TMAC will present its six-course, gourmet "Seafood Extravaganza" buffet. For \$35 per person, you'll be able to enjoy all-you-can-eat shrimp, blue lip mussels, king crab legs, roast beef

and pork, and all the trimmings, including the dessert bar.

After the buffet, two DJs will provide a variety of musical entertainment. There will be free party favors. Admission to the dance is included in the cost of the dinner buffet.

Or you can attend the dance, and then, from 12:30 - 1:30 a.m., enjoy a continental breakfast buffet. Tickets for the dance with breakfast buffet are \$15 per person.

If you'd like to enjoy both the dinner and breakfast buffets and the dance, admission is \$40 for all three.

After the breakfast buffet, the music and party will continue until 4 a.m., with the admission price of \$5 per person.

Call TMAC at 533-7322 or 533-0225 to make reservations for the dinner buffet or for more information. Guarantee your reservations by credit card or prepayment by Dec. 26.



Bowl in the new year at Desert Lanes

Desert Lanes will host a New Year's Eve party, 7 p.m. - 1 a.m., Dec. 31. The event is open to the public. Tickets can be purchased now at Desert Lanes for bowling or non-bowling admission to the party.

Save by purchasing advance tickets. The cost is \$23 for bowlers or \$16 for non-bowlers, in advance. At the door, bowlers will pay \$28 and non-bowlers, \$21. There are also discount ticket packages available for couples and families, so you can save even more.

The ticket price includes prizes, party favors and a champagne breakfast. There will be a DJ providing music, and bowlers can participate in a mini tournament.

For more information, call Desert Lanes at 533-2849

December holiday hours, closures

Army Community Service will be closed today for a holiday party.

Child and Youth Outreach Services will be closed 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., tomorrow for a holiday party.

Monday - Dec. 23, Desert Lanes will be open noon - 9 p.m. Jeannie's Diner will close at 2 p.m., Monday for their employees' holiday party. Jeannie's will be open 9 a.m. - 8:30 p.m., Dec. 21 - 23.

The lunch buffet at Thunder Mountain Activity Centre will be closed Monday - Jan. 4, 2005.

Barnes Field House will be open normal hours, 5 a.m. - 9 p.m., Monday - Jan. 3, 2005, during Christmas Exodus, unless otherwise noted by individual dates below.

Eifler Fitness Center will be open 5 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Jan. 3, 2005, during Christmas Exodus, unless otherwise noted below.

Barnes Pool will open 5 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Monday - Jan. 3, 2005, during Christmas Exodus, unless otherwise noted below.

MWR Administrative Offices, Building 22214, including NAF Human Resources, along with MWR Marketing Services and Commercial Sponsorship, will be closed 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Tuesday, for a holiday party.

The following facilities will be open special hours Dec. 24: Mountain View Golf Course, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.; the Main Library, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Barnes Field House, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Jeannie's Diner, 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Desert Lanes, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The following MWR facilities and offices will be closed Dec. 24: MWR Administrative Offices, Building 22214, including NAF Human Resources; MWR Box Office; Buffalo Corral; Mountain View Golf Course; Barnes Pool; Eifler Fitness Center; MWR Rents; Jeannie's Diner; Desert Lanes; Thunder Mountain Activity Centre; Army Community Service; Child and Youth Services Outreach and Central Registration Offices; School Age Services; Family Child Care Office; New Beginnings Child Development Center; Youth Services; MWR Arts Center; MWR Marketing Services; and the Sportsman's Center.

All other MWR offices and facilities will be closed Dec. 25.

Barnes pool will be closed Dec. 26 - 27, and open 6

a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Dec. 28 and 29.

December 31, the following facilities will be open special hours: Mountain View Golf Course, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Jeannie's Diner, 5:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.; Desert Lanes, 6 p.m. - 1 a.m. for their New Year's Eve party; Barnes Field House, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Thunder Mountain Activity Centre, 5 p.m. - 4 a.m. for their New Year's Eve buffet and party.

The following facilities will be closed Dec. 31: MWR Administrative Offices, Building 22214, including NAF Human Resources; MWR Box Office; Buffalo Corral; Mountain View Golf Course; Barnes Pool; Eifler Fitness Center; MWR Rents; Jeannie's Diner; Desert Lanes; Army Community Service; Child and Youth Services Outreach and Central Registration Offices; School Age Services; Family Child Care Office; New Beginnings Child Development Center; Youth Services; MWR Arts Center; Time Out; MWR Marketing Services; and the Sportsman's Center.

Mountain View Golf Course will be open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Jan. 1, 2005. Bingo will be played at the LakeSide Activity Centre, 12:45 p.m., Jan. 1.

All other MWR offices and facilities will be closed New Year's Day.

Barnes pool will be closed Jan. 2 - 3, 2005 and re-open with regular hours, Jan. 4, 2005.

Time Out will be open Dec. 25

Time Out will be open 9 p.m. - 4 a.m., Dec. 25, to help you spread some Christmas cheer. You can dance the night away with pulsating Latin rhythms provided by Time Out's Disc Jockey. The music starts at 10 p.m. For more information, call 533-3876.

Youth Sports will offer baseball clinics

Each Saturday during January, 2005, Youth Sports will offer baseball clinics for youth ages 5 - 15. The time for the clinics will be determined by the number of registrations received. Instructions on baseball fundamentals and skills will be taught.

The clinics will be free to Child and Youth Service members, and \$5 for non-CYS-members.

Volunteers are also needed to assist with the clinics. For more information on volunteering or to register your child for the clinics, call Steve Wambach at 533-3205.

MWR Box Office has holiday gift ideas

Let the MWR Box Office help with your holiday shopping. They have several unique gift ideas.

You can purchase tickets for the following events coming up at the Tucson Convention Center: Tucson Ice Cats hockey, Jan. 7 and 8; "Stars on Ice," Jan. 11; or Cher in concert, Jan. 19. Tickets for TCC events may be purchased 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., only.

The MWR Box Office also has the 2005 Entertainment Book, which includes restaurant, shopping, service, sports, attractions and movie tickets.

The Tucson Attractions Passport is also available. It's filled with two-for-one offers and discounts towards Tucson's attractions, museums and shopping — savings of over \$250.

For the football fan, the Box Office has Arizona Cardinals NFL football packages available for the remainder of the Cardinal's home games.

Call 533-2404 for more information or drop by the MWR Box Office located in Bldg. 52008 on Arizona Street, across from the Commissary. They're open Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Jeannie's Diner specials

During December, Jeannie's Diner is offering a chili burger as their special burger-of-the-month.

Jeannie's Diner also offers daily lunch specials which include a 16 oz. beverage. Call 533-5759 for more information or takeout orders.



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Movies

After *The Sunset* plays at 7 p.m. on Friday at Cochise theater. For the complete listing of this week's movies, see Page 28



Photos by Spc. Marcus Butler

Steve Usry, a 25-year professional skeet shooter is practicing on the range at the Sportsman Center.

Shooting clay

BY SPC. MARCUS BUTLER
SCOUT STAFF

"Pull," yells a 14 year-old skeet shooter as he focuses on the flying clay disc soaring before his eyes. Wasting no time, he scans the horizon and aims the 28-gauge double barrel shotgun and fires off a round, shattering the clay target.

The term "skeet" refers to an old Scandinavian word meaning "to shoot." It is a competition target shooting sport that was invented in America in 1920 by several Massachusetts men who wanted to improve their aim before hunting season.

"Their system of simulating the flight pattern of live birds with the use of hand-propelled, inanimate targets began as a spirited game between hunters," said Mick Gue, Sportsman Center business manager.

Today, a modern version of that game has become an international sport, for hunters and non-hunters alike.

In addition to the regular skeet shooting program of 12 gauge, 20 gauge, 28 gauge, .410 bore competition and doubles, there are the international style and the collegiate divisions, both with specifically designed regulations.

The international style features the previous low-gun position and variable-timing target release, required by NSSA rules up to 1952. In contrast, the present cheeked gun position, is style is required by the International Shooting Union, and the International Olym-

pic Committee, producer of the Olympic Games.

"It is the fun of the game and the thrill of marksmanship that unites all skeet shooters," said Gue. "Skeet shooting has a very rich tradition and it has been on Fort Huachuca since the 1970s."

"Men, women and children of all walks of life, take pride in shooting well and enjoy skeet shooting with friends and family," said Gue.

"Many shooters enjoy competing for prizes, self-satisfaction and self-achievement. At most skeet clubs, you'll find a wide cross section of wives, husbands, single parents, children and grandparents," said Gue.

Tournaments are divided into many different classes, so shooters will be competing against others of equal ability. Even though there are a lot of rounds fired during competitions, skeet shooting is not an expensive sport.

"You can have a lifetime of fun and fellowship at a local skeet club in return for a small investment in the shotgun of your choice, safety gear, and modest ammunition costs. On the other hand, if shooting in state, regional, national and international tournaments is what you prefer, then, like any sport the costs can go as high as your ambition and budget will allow," Gue said.

Even with the excitement of skeet shooting, safety is still priority number one. There are shooting and gun safety that must be adhered to.

Shooting and gun safety includes:

- Treat every gun with respect.
- Watch that muzzle



14 year-old Scott Usry, is honing his skeet shooting skills after finishing 3rd in national competitions after only a year in training.

- Never put your finger on the trigger until ready to shoot.
- Carry your gun safely.
- Unload gun when not in use.
- Leave actions opened on the range.

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Photos by Spc. Marcus Butler

Brock Phillips takes a quarterback draw up the heart of the defense for a five yard gain and a first down for USAG.

Delta 86 squeaks past USAG

BY SPC. MARCUS BUTLER
SCOUT STAFF

Company D, 86th Signal Battalion barely beat Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison in the first night of tournament battles Monday night at Pauly Field.

The battle started off with Delta 86 receiving the ball and making good use of their drive. With not even a minute elapsing in the game, USAG was hit with a 45-yard bomb and Delta 86 drew first blood.

USAG was slow to answer the score of Delta 86. Chipping away at yardage and gaining 3 first downs, USAG was finally in striking distance. After two unsuccessful attempts to gain any more yards, USAG called a timeout to regroup.

Facing third and long, Quarterback Brock Phillips rolled out to the right and aired out a 40-yard pass to Regan Yokoi for pay dirt.

Delta 86 and USAG went back and fourth throughout the game with Delta 86 scoring on a 60-yard catch and run by Michael Haskins and a 20-yard pass to Danny Forman and USAG receiver Yokoi catching two more touchdowns.

USAG took the momentum by scoring 12 unanswered points late in the first half and tried to carry it over to the second half.

"It is a well fought game so far and both of our teams did our best. We made some adjustments and are ready for the second half," said Haskins

At the start of the second half, USAG received the ball and were seemingly executing time management but stalled

It is a well fought game so far and both of our teams did our best.

Michael Haskins

out due to a holding penalty.

Now facing a third and very long, USAG tried a roll-out pass but to no avail. The pass was batted down by a Delta 86 defender and USAG was forced to punt the ball away.

Trying to regain the momentum after making a crucial defensive stand, Delta 86 began to drive the ball.

USAG trying to hold on to their lead apparently stalemated the drive but a penalty kept it alive.

Rejuvenated and the game tied at 20 all, Delta 86 put together a beautifully orchestrated drive that ended up with a TD pass in the end zone for the lead with only seven seconds remaining in the game.

After receiving the ball USAG had one final attempt to try and pull out a miracle. With time on their side, Delta 86 pushed their secondary back to try and prevent any hopes for USAG to reach the end zone.

Lining up and determined, USAG quarterback Phillips scans the defense and receives the ball.

On a roll out five step drop and scramble Phillips panted and let a desperation pass fly. Seemingly staying in the air forever, the ball drifted towards USAG receiver, Eric Gardner but was well covered by Delta 86 defenders and was smashed to the ground. USAG fell to Delta 86 with the final score of 26 to 20.



Eric Gardner catches a pass for a 10 yard gain and a first down.

DFAC slaughters USN/USMC

BY SPC. MARCUS BUTLER
SCOUT STAFF

From the beginning of the game, the DFAC grab control of the game. Quarterback Ronald Merriweather put on an offensive as well as defense clinic.

The DFAC scored early in the first half on a beautiful 25-yard pass from Merriweather to a dragging Brian Weaver for a touchdown.

"We knew we had control of the game from the start," said Merriweather. "We are going all the way again this year."

United States Navy/United States Marine Corps on the ensuing drive tried to go to work on the DFAC defense but to no avail. USN/USMC ended up giving the ball right back to the DFAC with a three and out.

The USN/USMC made an excellent defensive stand and have a chance to even the odds but ended up with the same results.

The drives for both teams were going back and fourth until two of the USN/USMC players collided and caused a delay in the game.

Jim Fredrickson from USN/USMC laid on the field complaining of numbness to his hands and feet.

After Fredrickson was stabilized and escorted off of the field but the emergency personnel, he gave his team the

thumbs up and the game was back on. After another three and out the whistle blew for the end of the first half of play.

Trying to use the injury as motivation, USN/USMC tried to come roaring back with a 30-yard pass and rumble by Chris Butler that seem to put them on the right track.

Unfortunately for USN/USMC, that victory was short lived.

After shutting out the USN/USMC in the first half, the DFAC didn't waste anytime scoring by scoring quickly in the opening minutes of the second half.

On the next two drives by USN/USMC, Merriweather went on a tear again.

Merriweather ended both of the USN/USMC drives with two take-away interceptions that sealed the victory for the DFAC.

With 12 unanswered points, the DFAC defense held on to the lead and never let up.

With time not on their side, USN/USMC gave one last effort to try to get back into the game but it was too late. Trying to rush to the line to get off a play the final whistle blew and the game was over.

The final score was DFAC 18, USN/USMC 6.



Ronald Merriweather eludes a rushing defender with a spin move and turned it into a 15-yard gain.



Photos by Spc. Marcus Butler

Ronald Merriweather rolls out and scrambles to get away from a persuing defender.

Clay, from Page 23 —

- Never load until you are on the pad and ready to shoot.

- Be sure that barrel is clear of obstructions and that you have ammunition only of the proper size for the gun you carry.

- Be sure of your target before you pull the trigger.

- Never point your gun at anything you don't want to shoot.

- Wear proper eye and ear protection.

- Never climb a tree, a fence, or fence, or jump a ditch with a loaded gun; never pull a gun toward you by the muzzle.

- Never shoot a bullet at a flat, hard surface or water.

- Store guns and ammunition separately.

- Alcohol and guns don't mix.

Skeet shooting is a great activity to get your entire family involved in, said Gue. Skeet shooting is available at the Sportsman Center Weds – Sun. from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

An introduction to Skeet Shooting will be held at the Sportsman Center on Jan. 15, from 10 a.m. – noon. You may call the Sportsman Center at 533-7085 for more information and to reserve your seat.

Cowboy in town

Nationally known cowboy humorist and storyteller, Baxter Black, will be performing at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Buena High School. Black writes columns for 125 newspapers and does 200 radio shows per week. Tickets are available at Spur Western Wear and Stockman's Bank or at the door for \$25. For more information, call the Arizona Folklore Preserve at 378-6165.

Greyhound adoption

The next greyhound adoption day will be Saturday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Ramsey Canyon Feed and Pet in Sierra Vista.

The dogs that are available range in age from 2 to 5 and are very good with other dog, children and animals. The program is also in need of temporary homes for the dogs while awaiting adoption.

For more information, call 378-1763 or visit the Web site at www.azgreyhounds.com

EAmyU

Electronic Army University is now available to enlisted Soldiers. Soldiers can begin or complete their college degree taking online courses. Two different options available. For more information, call the eArmyU representative at 533-1019 or a counselor at 533-3010.

Adult tennis lessons

The Parks and Leisure Services will run adult tennis lessons in four one-hour increments starting 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturdays. The fee is \$45.00 per person for four lessons. A U.S. Tennis Association teaching professional will be the instructor. Registration is ongoing at the Oscar Yrun Community Center, Ethel Berger Center and the Cove. Lessons will be held at the King's Court Tennis Center. For more information, call 458-7922.

Youth basketball league

Register your child by Dec. 30 for the Parks and Leisure Youth Basketball Program. League play is sched-

uled to begin on or about Jan. 29. The league is open to girls and boys, 5 - 15. Registration is \$65 per player for ages 5 - 8 and \$ 75 per player for ages 9 - 15 with all participants keeping their shirt/jersey. There will be a waiting list established for all age divisions, so insure that your child or children are registered by close of business Dec. 30. Registration has begun and runs through Dec. 30 at the Oscar Yrun Community Center, the Ethel Berger Center and the Cove. A \$15 late fee and program waiting list begins Dec. 31. The participant's birth certificate will be required when registering. For more information, call 458-7922.

Adult basketball league

Find your basketball sneakers and all your friends because it's Parks and Leisure Services basketball season time. Cost is \$550 per team with teams consisting of 5 to 10 players, 16 and up. Games will be played throughout the week at Sierra Vista Middle School gym with registration running through Jan. 10. Informational meeting is 6:30 p.m., Jan. 10 at the Oscar Yrun Community Center with the league scheduled to begin on or about Feb. 4. Register your team at the Oscar Yrun Community Center, the Ethel Berger Center and the Cove. For more information, call 458-7922.

Youth basketball coaches needed

The Parks and Leisure Services are looking for volunteers 18 and older who would like to pass on their knowledge, skills and abilities to our community youth in the upcoming Youth Basketball Program. The program is for girls and boys, 5 -15, with all divisions being coed. Coaches are needed by Jan. 5 with the program schedule to start Jan. 29. Volunteer applications are available at the Oscar Yrun Community Center, the Ethel Berger Center and the Cove. For more information, call 458-7922.

Senior women's softball

The Hot Flashes, a senior women's softball team from Sierra Vista/Bisbee, is recruiting players that are

at least 47-years-old. This team travels to women's senior softball tournaments in Arizona and bordering states. For more information, call Cheryl Linendoll, 459-0607.

Trekkers

The Trekkers are an internationally sanctioned non-competitive sports club, sponsoring four weekend walks and eight year round events in Arizona.

The year round events consist of walks at the Coronado National Memorial; Fort Huachuca; Naco, Ariz. to Naco, Sonora, Mexico; historic Bisbee; Tombstone; Benson; and Sedona.

For more information, call Wendy or Dave Breen at 378-1763.

New classes at MWR Arts Center

The MWR Arts Center is offering new classes. "Polaroid Manipulation" is offered 6 - 8 p.m., Thursdays. This class teaches the student how to turn an ordinary Polaroid picture into a "work of art." Cost of the class is \$28 and includes all materials.

For more information, call 533-2015 or stop by the Arts Center, located in Building 52008 on Arizona Street.

Internet access at Main Post Library

Internet access is now available at the post's main library. Access Army Knowledge Online, use ProQuest and other online library databases along with all other authorized sites. No commercial e-mail is allowed. The library is open 10:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

Library online

The Fort Huachuca main library is now accessible online at <http://mainlibrary.hua.army.mil>. This user-friendly system is also used by other military libraries.

The main library is open 10:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, call 533-3041.

Pet Of The Week



Max is a 1-year-old, male gray tabby.



Squirt is a 1-year-old gray and white male cat.

These animals and more are available for adoption from the Fort Huachuca Veterinary Treatment Facility. For more information, call 533-2767 or visit forthuachucapetfinder.com. In accordance with Army regulation stray animals are kept for three working days to find an owner. After three days, they are either placed up for adoption or humanely euthanized. Strays are available for adoption for 30 days until they are euthanized.

At The Movies

Showing at the Cochise Theater for the next week are:

Today -7 p.m.

Ray

PG-13

Friday -7 p.m.

After The Sunset

PG-13

Saturday -7 p.m.

Saw

R

Sunday -2 p.m.

The Polar Express

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Monday - Wednesday

Closed

Reduced prices on Thursday evening and Sunday matinees.

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Final intramural flag football standings

<u>NFC</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT.</u>	<u>GB</u>
**HHC 111th	11	1	.917	—
**D Co. 86th Sig	10	2	.833	1
**NCOA	9	3	.750	2
**USMC/USN Det.	8	4	.667	3
HHC, 40th Sig	7	5	.583	4
Company B 305th	6	6	.500	5
MEDDAC	6	6	.500	5
Company D 309th	6	6	.500	5
Chaos	6	6	.500	5
269th Sig	5	7	.417	6
19th Sig	2	10	.167	9
Company D 40th	1	11	.083	10
HHC, 306th	1	11	.083	10

<u>AFC</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT.</u>	<u>GB</u>
**DFAC	12	0	1.000	—
**Company C 304th	9	3	.750	3
**HHC USAG	9	3	.750	3
**HHC 11th Sig	8	4	.667	4
Company A 305th	8	4	.667	4
69th Sig	7	5	.583	5
Company C 305th	6	6	.500	5
Company E 309th	6	6	.500	6
Company A 40th	6	6	.500	6
NETCOM	3	9	.250	9
JITC	2	10	.167	10
ISEC	2	10	.167	10
Sonoita Border Patrol	0	12	.000	12

**Clinched Playoff Spot

Soldiers run marathon at Afghanistan fire base

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More than 190 service members and civilians completed the “Honolulu Marathon” at Forward Operating Base Ripley.

Runners traveled to FOB Ripley from all over Afghanistan, arriving by helicopter early on the morning of the race.

Baskin, a 24-year-old California native, finished the 26.2 miles in 3 hours, 12 minutes and 16 seconds, more than 15 minutes ahead of second place runner and friend, Capt. Ian Grimstead.

Spc. Jill Stevens was the first female runner to cross the finish line in 3 hours, 45 minutes, and 20 seconds, placing her seventh overall.

“Capt. Grimstead and I joked with each other on who was going to win the race,” Baskin said. “But we all came out and our main goal was to have fun; it’s something non-mission-related that we’ve enjoyed.”

Capt. Ivan Hurlburt, a signal officer with 2nd Bn, 5th Inf. Regt., helped organize the race at FOB Ripley, an austere base north of Kandahar.

Hurlburt coordinated with the Honolulu Marathon Association organizers to get official running numbers, finisher shirts, medals, and the shell lei given to every finisher.

Artillerymen from 3rd Battalion, 7th Field Artillery regiment fired the artillery cannon that began the race. Engineers from the 65th Engineer Battalion assisted in flattening the run route prior to the race.

The runners had to run the perimeter of the base five times, battling a hill dubbed “mini-Diamond Head” halfway around the airfield. An unexpected rain shower the night before kept the dust down, but made parts of the course muddy. The base is at 4,400 feet in elevation and the thin mountain air presented a challenge to the runners.

Adding to the tension was the possibility of attack by insurgents — attacks that never materialized.

The run course consisted of gravel and rock, adding to the race’s difficulty. Palm trees made of wood decorated the run route to remind the service members of their home in Hawaii, helping the runners to endure the grueling monotony of the marathon.